

### Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 are now pending in the application, with Claim 1 being independent. Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 have been amended and Claim 8 has been added herein.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,435,662 (Kline et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As is recited in independent Claim 1, the present invention relates to a recording apparatus for recording on a recording material by use of a recording head. The apparatus includes a carriage for mounting a recording head and a carriage circuit board having a connector electrically connectable to the recording head mounted on the carriage. The connector has a pressurized pin formed of metal and the carriage circuit board is attached to a wall surface where the carriage is opposed to the recording head.

With the above arrangement, the recording head can be fixed to a carriage using relatively fewer parts and at a lower cost than has been done in the past.

Kline et al. relates to an ink jet print cartridge usable in a printer. A carriage 84 mounts the print cartridge 10. A flexible circuit 96 includes a termination portion 102 which is held within the carriage. The termination portion defines an array of raised connector pads 104 which mirrors an array of contact pads 38 on the front of the

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print cartridge. A spring pad is provided behind the termination portion 102 to press the termination portion outwardly.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that Kline et al. does not disclose or suggest that the connector pads 104 include a pressurized pin. Accordingly, Kline et al. fails to disclose or suggest a carriage circuit board having a connector electrically connectable to a recording head mounted on a carriage, with the connector having a pressurized pin formed of metal and the carriage circuit board being attached to a wall surface where the carriage is opposed to the recording head, as is recited in independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, Kline et al. fails to disclose or suggest important features of the present invention recited in independent Claim 1.

Thus, independent Claim 1 is patentable over the citations of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejection are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claim 1. Dependent Claims 2 and 4-8 are also allowable, in their own right, for defining features of the present invention in addition to those recited in independent Claim 1. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is requested.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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